

ASOKA DE Z. GUNASEKERA
PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Asoka de Z. Gunasekera, of Colombo, Sri Lanka, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 86th International Convention, held in Denver, Colorado, USA, June 30-July 4, 2003.

Past Director Gunasekera is an attorney-at-law and notary public, justice of the peace, unofficial magistrate and company director.

A member of the Nugegoda Lions Club since 1974, Past Director Gunasekera has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, cabinet secretary and district governor. In addition, he has served as the chief advisor to the district cabinet from 1984 to the present and as a Train-the-Trainer for his district.

In recognition of his service to the association he has received numerous awards, including the 100% Club President Award, the 100% District Governor's Award, seventeen District Governor Appreciation Awards, a Chevron Award, seven Club Extension Awards, several Key Member Awards, seventeen International President Certificates of Appreciation, three International President Leadership Awards, six International President's Awards and Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association grants its members. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow, has had 26 years of perfect attendance and was named Lion of the Year by his district in 1981-82.

In addition to his Lion activities, Past Director Gunasekera is active in numerous professional and community organizations and has attended more than 25 international conferences and seminars in an official capacity. He is the founding president of the Sri Lanka-China Business Council and the immediate past president of the Ananda College Old Boys Association. In the past, he served as the legal advisor and thereafter secretary for the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications and Ministry of Policy Planning, vice president of Asia Pacific Telecommunity, chairperson of the Rent Board of Review, a council member of the World Union of Transport and the founding chairperson of Sri Lanka Telecom Services Ltd.

Past Director Gunasekera and his wife, Buddheni, also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have one daughter.

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